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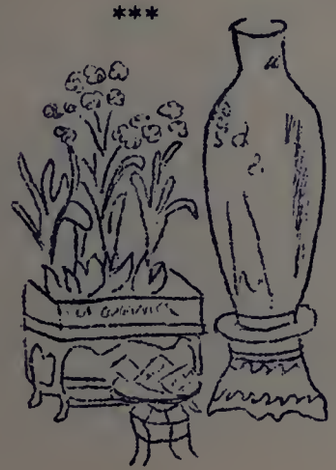

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This report to the membership is intended to describe the Association's immediate objectives and to describe what, in my opinion is lacking in Chinatown.

During the summer, a building committee was appointed and charged with the task of formulating plans for new CACA headquarters. This building will also house services needed in Chinatown which will be described below.

An important step has been taken by your Ass'n. With the approval of its members, the Council on August 12, filed papers for incorporation. Incorporation is necessary for protection of the Ass'n's members and to allow the Ass'n to seek funding for its projects.

The Ass'n's other immediate objectives are directed toward meeting some of the needs of Chinatown. One of these is the establishment of health services. The medical Task Force has diligently spent many hours in many meetings. Through its efforts an evening clinic will open at T-NEMC in September. To provide comprehensive health care for Chinese-American in the Boston area - a Community Health Clinic will be forthcoming provided necessary funds are obtained.

Plans are underway to obtain necessary funding to set up a Multi-Service Center in Chinatown. Some of the services provided by this Center will include information on immigration, veteran's benefits, military activities, civil service, provide assistance in acquiring Federal, State and City aid services and assistance in obtaining employment.

The CACA Council is aware of other needs such as a drop-in center for teenagers and young adults, housing for the elderly, and a nursing home to name a few. The general membership should also be aware

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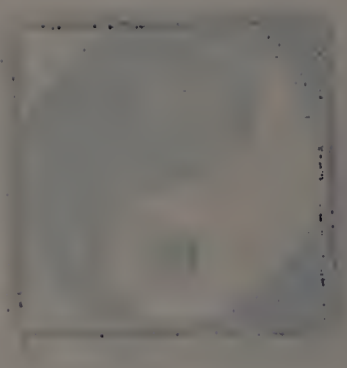


C.A.C.A. ORIENT TOUR

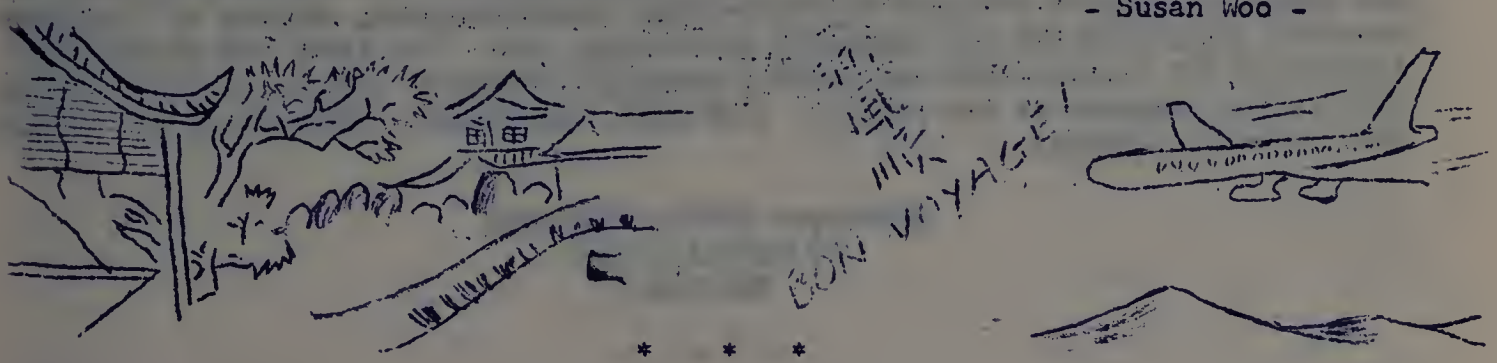
We never thought we would make it, but, here we are, only a few weeks till take-off time. Barbara Lim and I have one question, "Where is the guy that instigated all this, namely, Neil Chin?" He decided to stay in Boston, but gave us his wife, Betty, for good company.

On Saturday, Sept. 5, we leave Boston for Honolulu. Just think of those "Aloha Welcomes," you gentlemen that aren't going! After a fascinating stay there, on to Tokyo and Osaka, where we will visit Expo 70, the Imperial Palace, Ueno Park and the Meiji Shrine - just to name a few of our stops.

Sept. 17 will find our tour of 28 people in Taipei for two more days of spending money and eating! Then, on to exciting Hong Kong. We have, at this point, one more question to ask, "Will Davis Woo and Eddie Goon make it to a certain restaurant on the 8th floor that was so highly recommended by Col. Chin?"

We will say good-bye to the Orient on Sept. 26. Pray for our safe return. See you at our next General Meeting when we'll tell you all about the trip and show you a lot of pictures.

- Susan Woo -



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C.A.C.A. TO BE INCORPORATED

The governing council of the CACA at a meeting held on August 5, 1970, had a very informative session with Mr. Paul Kaufman of the Mayor's Office of Human Rights. The meeting was devoted to discussions on the details and ramifications of incorporating the CACA. On the basis of a vote, taken earlier this year by the membership, the Council voted to retain Mr. Kaufman, without fees, as CACA Counsel in effecting an application with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. When incorporated, the CACA will legally operate as a nonprofit civic and charitable corporation with the license to purchase and sell property such as real estate and securities to raise money for its projects. No part of the profits may be used to the benefit of any private member or individual, nor can the earnings be used in a political campaign.

The immediate advantages of this action are twofold. First, it separates the liabilities of the Association from individual members. That is, in case of a lawsuit brought against the CACA, no matter how remote the possibility, the liabilities rest on the Association and not the members individually. Secondly, the CACA will be a recognized organization in the eyes of both the State and Federal governments. As such, it can then lawfully apply for State and Federal financial and other assistance for its projects. With the Federal government now tending to be more community oriented, there are funds available for community projects within various established programs. The possibilities are virtually unlimited.

- Eugene Wong -

CHINATOWN LITTLE CITY HALL

As a direct outcome of the Public Hearing between Chinatown and the City of Boston in December, 1969, Caroline Chang was hired by the Mayor's Office of Public Service as the Chinese Community liaison. On July 13, 1970, the Chinatown sub-office was established at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England, 14 Oxford Street. At present, a pamphlet describing the purpose and function of the Little City Hall is being prepared in Chinese and English for distribution to the Chinese Community. Some of the things that can be done at the Little City Hall are:

- Apply for birth, marriage or death records
- Pay water, tax, or motor vehicle excise bills (by check or money order)
- Apply for abatements
- Apply for social security cards

The Little City Hall can also be a coordinating and informational agency for the Chinese community in terms of inter-group communications, notices of job opportunities, publicity for all community activities, etc. The vital and essential ingredient for a successful and lasting community resource such as the Little City Hall is the response of the people. YOUR HELP, COMPLAINTS, CRITICISMS, AND SUGGESTIONS ARE MOST WELCOME!

Chinatown Little City Hall
14 Oxford Street
542-5931

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- ATTENTION -

ALL PERSONS AGE 60 AND OVER

The Task Force on HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY of the Chinese Benevolent Association is conducting a survey count of all the Chinese people (male and female) age 60 and over in the Greater Boston and Vicinity area.

THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FOR HOUSING - THIS IS ONLY A SURVEY COUNT AT THIS TIME TO GET INFORMATION OF THE NUMBER OF ELDERS AND HOW MANY OF THESE ELDERS DESIRE LIVING QUARTERS FO THEIR OWN. THIS INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PLANNING OF A BETTER CHINESE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF NEW HOUSING UNITS TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE ELDERLY.

If you are reading this notice - please cooperate by circulating this information to friends and relations and have them come either in person or through someone to register at:

Chinese Benevolent Association
14 Oxford Street
Boston

on: AUGUST 23, 1970 through AUGUST 30, daily from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY

On July 29, 1970, the Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly for the City of Boston signed a contract with the Boston Redevelopment Authority for the use of the store front at 239 Harrison Avenue as the site of a Hot Lunch Program for the Elderly of Chinatown. A Chinese cook is to be hired as a Senior Aide. Repairs and installation of equipment are to be made by BRA. Some of the food in the Food Surplus Program, conducted by ABCD, will be appropriated and available to this Program. A nominal fee to those who can afford it will be charged to help ally the cost of Chinese foodstuffs and spices. The Program is to start in 3-4 weeks and will be expanded to special activities (newspaper reading, Chinese movies, etc.) as the participants desire. Actively working on the program from the Chinese Community are Mrs. Rose Wu, Billy Chin, Dr. Albert Gaw and Caroline Chang.

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AUGUST MOON FESTIVAL

In a joint effort by the Chinese Community and Boston Summerthing Program, there will be a day-long Moon Festival Celebration in Chinatown on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Activities for Everyone!

* Volleyball Tournament
* Chinese Movies
* Dragon Dance
* HAIR (possibly)
* Block Dance
* Folk Dances
* Rock Groups
* Gung-fu Demonstrations
* Fashion Show
* August Moon Teahouse
* Chinese Music
* Zoomobile
* Earthmobile
* Balloons

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Lantern Parade. All children are invited to make lanterns at the Craftsmobile in the afternoon and to participate in the Lantern Parade in the evening.

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H E L P !

These are exciting times in the Chinese Community. The things we can do and learn with this publication are virtually limitless. So, why not put your energy to work with us in the project of self-education. We badly need reporters to cover Chinatown and the suburban areas. In addition, we need a graphic artist and people who are fluently bilingual as translators and copiers. Please call GENE - we need you - at 527-3304.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to Eugene Wong, 10 Read Court, Newton Centre, Mass. 02159

HEALTH CARE FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNITY

For many months the Chinese Community has been negotiating with the Tufts-New England Medical Center (T-NEMC) for an addition of Chinese interpreters on the T-NEMC staff to help those patients who have language difficulties. A recent reply by T-NEMC alleged that nearly every department within the Medical Center has a Chinese-speaking staff member, either full or part-time, who may be called upon to help. In addition, a new extension (482-2800 ext. 2231) has been assigned to a Chinese staff member for emergency use during day time and in the evening. After midnight an interpreter may be reached at 426-5595, the Admissions Office.

An important step towards complete and proper medical care for the Community, according to the Task Force for the negotiations, is the addition of two genuinely enthusiastic physicians to the T-NEMC medical staff. Both Drs. Li and Gaw have been active in our Community affairs, especially concerning the Health Task Force.

Dr. Li is the son of the former governor of Kwangtung Province in China. At an early age he emigrated with his family to New York after the Communist takeover. He is a graduate of NYU with a B.S. in Physics. His M.D. degree was obtained at the University of Rochester in 1965. Later, he studied at Georgetown University and was awarded the M.S. degree in Sociology in 1969. He gave up his cancer research to devote full time work in this Community Health Program.

Dr, Albert Gaw is a native of the Philippines and grew up in the Manila area. After graduating from the Chung Ching Chinese High School, he won his M.D. degree from the University of the East Medical School. Both his internship and residency, however, were served in Rochester where he specialized in psychiatry. In 1969, he was associated with the Laboratory of Community Psychiatry of the Harvard Medical School. He, too, accepted the position at T-NEMC in order to serve the Chinese Community. Those who attended the CACA meeting on narcotics will remember him as a very effective speaker. Dr. Gaw is also on the psychiatry faculty of Tufts Medical School. On of his interests is to work with the young people of the Community.

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EVENING CLINIC OPENS AT T-NEMC

As a result of months of planning and negotiation with the Tufts New England Medical Center, an evening clinic is scheduled to open for business on Sept. 14, 1970. Thereafter, the clinic will be open every Monday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock. In case of a legal holiday, the clinic will open on Tuesday. On the clinic staff will be four doctors plus volunteer interpreters. It will not be necessary for appointments. However, patients are encouraged to call 482-2800, extension 2700, in order to avoid excessive waiting. Information may be obtained from Miss Karen Chin at this number. Fees for clinic services will be adjusted according to the patient's financial situation. For persons who are under Medicare, Medic-aid, or Health Insurance, the bills will be sent directly to the Agencies concerned.

It is hoped that the proximity of the clinic to the Chinese community will facilitate obtaining medical care by the Chinese residents. A sign of the clinic in Chinese will be put up as soon as possible. Behind the scenes, the Chinatown Health Task Force, made up mostly of CACA members, is credited with a job well done!

- Amy Goon -

CHINESE COMMUNITY HEALTH TASK FORCE

The Chinese Community Health Task Force was formed in December 1969 under the auspices of the CACA to plan, negotiate for and implement a comprehensive health care program for the Chinese Community. Task Force members, include CACA members, three physicians, various medical professionals, and interested Community people.

At present, the situation is improving from one of planning and discussions to one of action and implementation. The Task Force is planning a community clinic with a target opening date of October 15. Physicians and other medical personnel have been contacted and committed; office and medical equipment obtained; and many complicated aspects of clinic operation are being looked into. In addition, the Task Force is talking to the Chinese Merchants' Association for free space for the clinic. Also, planned for the Fall is a Multi-disease Testing Program to be conducted over a three-day weekend where free testing services for tuberculosis, emphysema, diabetes, kidney disease, vision, blood pressure, dental problems, and weight checks are to be offered to the Chinese Community. In conjunction with this, the Task Force is negotiating with the New England Hospitals for an Evening Clinic (see page 5) to be opened one evening a week until usage warrants expansion of the evening schedule. The Evening Clinic would be a source of back-up service for the Community Clinic. These programs are merely the first steps taken towards a comprehensive health care program for the Chinese Community.

The Chairman of the Task Force is Warren Eng and all volunteers for any of the above or future programs may contact the Secretary, Mrs. Caroline Chang, at the Chinatown Little City Hall, 14 Oxford Street, 542-5931.

WE NEED VOLUNTEER HELP

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont'd.)

that the success of the current projects are due to the hard work of a rather small number of dedicated members. More help is urgently needed. I trust this request for assistance will not fall on deaf ears.

During these summer months, I have attended many meetings and have spoken with younger members of our Ass'n. My impression is that the youth are disappointed in the present leadership in China town. Their feeling is that the present leadership because of their inaction, do not care about Chinatown's future. They are also not happy with the narrow interest of the various youth groups in Chinatown. Evidently the spirit within the youth groups is good; however, they show little interest in Chinatown's problems.

In the coming months, I intend to talk to the various youth groups in Chinatown to learn first hand, what they like to see as Chinatown's future. The future of Chinatown belong to today's youth. They must have a hand in developing its future, however, they must organize to do this.

- Edward Goon -

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The CACA Newsletter is an offical organ of the Chinese-American Civic Association, a non-profit civic and charitable organization dedicated to the physical, social and cultural betterment of the Chinese Community of Greater Boston and elsewhere.

EDITOR'S NOTES

With this issue, the CACA Newsletter is once again beginning a new year of service to the membership and, hopefully, to the Chinese Community at large. The CACA Council at a recent meeting has suggested, and the Newsletter Committee agree, that to be an effective medium, the Newsletter must be published more frequently. On this premise, the Committee has decided to attempt monthly issues to be published whenever possible, a week before the general monthly meetings. The size of the Newsletter will necessarily be somewhat reduced. We will endeavor, however, to offer items of information that are of greater interest not only to the membership but also the the community as a whole. We are at present in the midst of great social changes both within our individual families and in the political outlook of our basically immigrant society. We think matters pertaining to these aspects of our community are of importance to all.

No doubt there will be articles appearing in this publication that may be controversial or even contrary to majority opinion. This Committee, however, honor all opposing views to the best of our abilities. Furthermore, the editorial staff fully subscribes to the express policy of being nonpartisan and nonpolitical as put forth in the CACA Constitution and By-Laws. We do welcome all readers to submit articles of civic and cultural interests. In fact, we are appealing to each of you for help in making this Newsletter an effective and meaningful channel of communication. Your "Letters to the Editor", also, will keep us from being too subjective and will help keep us on our toes.

This year we are fortunate to have the continued services of Annie Gee and Barbara Lim both of whom are past editors of the Newsletter. Their experience and enthusiasm will add greatly to the success of this publication. We hope to maintain a column specifically devoted to informal reports by the CACA Council Additionally, we hope to publish articles concerning our cultural heritage, our history and the like. It is hoped that individual members will from time to time accept assignments to write on subjects of this nature. Let us learn and grow together.

The CACA Orient Tour, consisting of 28 people (6 men and the rest ladies), will be departing from Logan Airport on September 5. Having just returned from that wonderful part of the world, I know what a rich cultural experience this is going to be. (My son, Darren, age 4½, learned to speak the Hong Kong dialect in merely 6 weeks, but with a trace of American accent intermingled with a few words of the village dialect and it all came out like French). Both Susie Woo and Barbara Lim have toiled all year as directors of this tour. Let's applaud them not only for their tireless efforts for the tour but also for their genuine enthusiasm for all matters pertaining to CACA. So, this first issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to the tourists who will be, in some fashion, our bridge to the culture of which we are a part. BON VOYAGE!

- Eugene Wong -

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_____ I would like to APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP to the Chinese-American Civic Association ($5.00/yr.).

_____ I am not a member but want to subscribe to the Ass'n NEWS ($2.00/yr)
Just send me the: English section_____, Chinese _____ Both ____(Check) (One)

NAME _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

Please make checks payable to: Chinese-American Civic Association and mail to: Mrs. E. M. Gee, 11 Hudson Street, Boston, Mass. 02111

波城華埠展開醫藥健康工作

決定于九月十四晚開設晚診所。

「波城訊」：本埠醫藥健康小組為達扶紐英崙中心共同籌備之晚間診療所決定于本年九月十四晚（星期一）六時開始服務人後每星期一晚六時至九時，如遇法定假期，則改在星期二晚六時至九時辦工。每晚有四位醫生在戒，其中三位是華人，除有翻譯員外，專負責登記的戒員也是華人。晚診所之急診部，備到隨診隨記的戒免求診者久候。于醫務處均感先相電話四八二。二八〇〇支線二七〇〇在陳柔玉小姐「MISS KAREN CHIN」處登記領約時間。

晚間診所一切費用由相同，如受府社會安全基金部老人醫藥助金者或麻省福利會醫藥數助者，或有健康保險者診所將單寄付其相當之機關討款，如私費而無能力繳足全費者，院內收費部可依各人經濟能力酌量減輕，絕不會因此人經濟能力不足而使其失領受良好醫藥健康的待遇。

晚診所因地距華人區不遠，希望能鼓勵我們華人不要待急才找醫生，稍對健康問題有懷疑也可求診，作体格檢驗，以免多愁至病的結果。該中心現加緊裝置中文招牌于其院內外，以為華人方便。

波城華醫慈健康計劃組促進普及健康運動

「波城訊」：本月底該計劃組再達夫紐約商得其增聘華人戒員以解決不諳英語華人求診醫之困。醫務中心現報告，不只幾乎每部門僅有全或半戒華裔戒員且特加設一電話線四八二-二〇〇支線二二三一用能通粵語及台山話之人接電話，午後十二時以後，如有急需可拍電話四二六-五五九六跟收病人部戒員李國鈎君接洽。最令本地華人注意及高興的是在本月一日該中心聘請了兩位華裔醫師，該中心向有數位華人醫生在戒加上新上任的兩位對我華病人一定照料得較為妥善。現給他們一個簡單的介紹：李沛醫生是前廣東省主席李漢魂先生之第四公子，出生祖國，幼隨家來美居紐約市，一九六〇年得紐約大學物理學學士，一九六五年獲旦市打大學醫學博士，一九六九年來治堂大學社會學碩士，近年來專心研究癌症現全于華人健康問題緊迫，及應華華計劃組之邀，來額意將研究工作暫休，到醫務中心內科及癌症部門當醫師之戒。吳俊傑醫生是菲律賓土生，其父原籍福建南安曾任菲島基山「ECMOZ」州同和中文學校校長，吳醫生在馬尼拉市長大，畢業于中正中學及東方大學校校長，吳醫生在馬尼拉市長大，畢業于中正中學及東方大學醫學院，繼即來美實習於紐約州羅旦市打醫院，再在羅旦市打之士祖狼醫院當精神病科住院醫師三年，兼習大醫學院講師，一九六八年任

FREE EDUCATION

The Communiversity, a groupnof Boston University students and professors have joined with people in community organizations and with doctors and lawyers, to offer a series of summer evening courses, workshops, seminars and lectures. A few classes will center on basic skills needed in community work. The program hopes to unite, in a mutual sharing of knowledge and experience and a mutual seeking of answers.

Who can participate in the Communiversity? Everybody. There are absolutely no requirements, age or residence limits, or other qualifications for joining the classes.

Who will teach the Communiversity? Professors of Boston University, community leaders, doctors, lawyers, specialists in various fields.

Will Communiversity classes cost anything? No. All courses are absolutely free of charge.

How will Communiversity classes be conducted? There will be small group discussions, workshops, lectures, field-trips - any form of activity the participants and teacher chose.

Where will Communiversity classes be conducted? Some will take place in community organization centers, some in classrooms on the Boston University campus.

When do the courses begin and how long will they occur? Classes have started and will continue to meet once a week for as long as the participants decide. Most of the classes will be held in the evening.

Is it necessary to join the first week or to remain to the end? No. Interested people may join a group at any time. Since participation is entirely voluntary, anyone may change classes or leave at any time.

Where does one get more information about the Communiversity? Please call 353-2426 between 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

Colonel Chin

神病院医師，一九六九年哈佛大学医学院精神科群众精神健康部研究員，因从華華社會問題甚為關切也，接受了賞医務中心精神病医師兼達夫医学院助理教授之戒，目的，我機給華裔青年問題作積極的着手。